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Tom Hayden and Brentwood Homeowners Get Bulldozed by City Hall

John Schwada

SPECIAL TO CITYWATCH-Iconic 1960s student protest leader and Leftist intellectual Tom Hayden is plotting his next revolution, this time in leafy, serene Brentwood, at an outdoor table at Starbucks. Hayden is on the phone, digging into his deep Rolodex to solicit the help of a hot-shot Beverly Hills real estate agent in his fight to block...



Think about It, Maybe Big Corporations Should Have Even a Greater Say in Our Political Lives

Andrés Martinez

TRADE WINDS-Maybe we would all benefit if corporations wielded more political power, not less. Ever since the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision in 2010, it's been fashionable to deplore (with full-on How dare they? indignation) the power of big business in our political process. But judging from recent events, I'm more inclined to regret...



Assault on Suburbia: Next Culture Clash Will Be About How We Choose to Live

Joel Kotkin

HOME BUYERS AND POLITICIANS AT WAR - The next culture war will not be about issues like gay marriage or abortion, but about something more fundamental: how Americans choose to live. In the crosshairs now will not be just recalcitrant Christians or crazed billionaire racists, but the vast majority of Americans who either live in suburban-style...



Beyond Pluto ..

Ken Alpern

ALPERN AT LARGE-Well, we did it. More to the point, the NASA technicians who pulled off the amazing fly-by of the New Horizons spacecraft by Pluto did it. Of course, the rest of us Americans paid for this, and by and large most Americans really wanted this. We wanted this very much. Americans still remain pioneers and explorers at heart. So we...



LA Street Hazard: The City Bus is a Moving Traffic Jam

Bob Gelfand

GELFAND'S WORLD-I was tempted to start this piece with the demand that we get rid of the damned busses. But I'm not looking for click bait so much as I'm interested in making a point that hasn't been discussed very much. Here it is: The standard city bus and the standard city are just not design-compatible. The city has streets that are narrow and...



Wake Up Los Angeles: The Keys to a Lower Crime Rate are Better Leadership and More Support

Dennis Zine

JUST THE FACTS-Crime in Los Angeles is increasing at an alarming rate and our Mayor and Police Commission have no idea how to address the matter other than the usual smoke and mirrors and news conferences that will not

have any impact or reversal of the troubling trends negatively impacting all regions of Los Angeles City. Los Angeles has 21...



Prop 13 'Reforms' Should Alarm Homeowners Too

David Kline

PROP 13 DEBATE - During a June press conference in Sacramento, supporters of a split-roll property tax measure took great pains to say they want to raise property taxes on business owners only, not on homeowners. Exactly one month later, however, a supporter of the measure indicated that homeowners are indeed on the hit list. Most of the testimony...



Los Angeles: All is Not Rosy in NC Land

Denyse Selesnick

MY TURN-The downside of taking a vacation is that when one returns, the cracks in the ceiling are more apparent. It is now a little over two years that I have been writing articles for City Watch. I went back and reviewed some of those early issues and unfortunately some are the same. (Photo: "Another exciting board meeting") It was an exciting...



Fight the Drought: Plant More Trees

Dick Platkin

CALIFORNIA PLANNING -It is a truly positive development that so many Angelenos are ripping out their lawns to plant drought tolerant gardens, often turning to native California plants. Some people install these new yards to reduce their water bills, taking advantage of the recent LADWP rebate program. Others do it because, if done right, drought...



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